

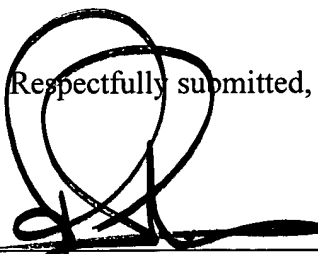
REMARKS

Applicants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 13, 2004, regarding the Amendment to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003. In their Amendment submitted December 29, 2003, Applicants inadvertently neglected to include the text of the previously withdrawn claims (Claims 21-61). Therefore, in accordance with the instructions on the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, this Reply thereto re-submits only the entire, corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section.

Accordingly, in view of the above, all pending Claims are believed to be in condition for allowance; an action to this end is earnestly requested. If it would expedite the progress of this Application through the examination process, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

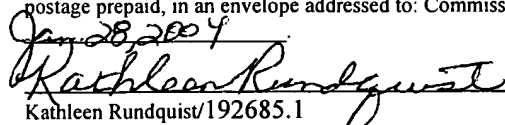
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